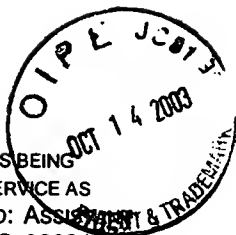


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RESPONSE

Sir:

The present application has been carefully studied in view of the outstanding Office Action dated January 17, 2003, and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response together with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, the deadline for responding to the Office Action has been extended until April 17, 2003, and this response is therefore timely filed since it was deposited in the mail for First Class Delivery Service on the date certified on the front page hereof.

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The originally filed Declaration was found to be defective for the reason that it fails to identify at least one error relied upon to support the reissue application. Accordingly, a new Declaration accompanies this response which addresses the errors relied upon in support of the subject reissue application. Additionally, the originally patent is being surrendered and such patent accompanies this response.

For the reasons stated above the above the reissue application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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